

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF LUNATIC HOSPITAL REPORTS.

THE Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane, at their late annual meeting, in New York, wishing to diffuse, as widely as possible, the knowledge of mental disease, and the means which are and have been used to manage and relieve it, and also desiring to make their own experience and observations as useful and profitable to others as may be, voted unanimously,

“That the Superintendent or government of each Hospital or Asylum for the Insane, should be advised to send, by mail or otherwise, one copy or set of all past reports as complete as possible, and a copy of all future reports of their several institutions, to certain public libraries, and literary and scientific associations, in the several states of America, for permanent preservation and use.

“That a committee be appointed to select and designate these depositories of the hospital reports, and to publish the list when so selected and prepared, in the JOURNAL OF INSANITY, for the information and guidance of the several superintendents.

“Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was appointed as this committee.”

In pursuance of the above vote, the committee proceeded at once, to make the selection, and prepare the list of libraries and institutions that should be permanent recipients of these reports. This was soon done, as far as his own personal knowledge and that of his immediate friends could guide him; yet this did not reach all of the States, especially some of those more

distant, and more recently settled and organized. The needed information from these was sought by correspondence with literary and scientific gentlemen who resided in them, or were supposed to be familiar with their conditions and wants. Most of these gentlemen responded, yet, in regard to some states, no satisfactory information was thus obtained. In this difficulty, the government of the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, D. C., which had previously prepared and published a valuable report upon the libraries in the United States, and is now preparing another more ample and complete on the same subject, very promptly and courteously sent a notice to the committee, approving the plan, and encouraging the purpose, and offering their aid in making the selection of the depositories for these documents.

The time required for this correspondence with all and distant parts of the country, and for making this list as perfect and satisfactory as possible, has necessarily delayed the preparation of this report, and prevented its publication in the October number of the *JOURNAL OF INSANITY*, as was intended. Yet it is not now too late for the distribution of the reports for 1857; and the distribution of those which have been published in previous years, and of those which shall be printed hereafter, will not be affected by it.

The following list of depositories of the reports of hospitals has been selected by the committee, and it is to be hoped, that by their means, these documents will be placed within the reach of all legislators, at least, and of the leading psychological and medical students, the philanthropists, the political economists and statesmen of the country, who wish to know of this matter, or who are or may be called upon to take any responsibility concerning it.

LIBRARIES AND INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH THE RE-
PORTS SHALL BE SENT.

State Library,	Augusta,	Maine.
College Library,	Brunswick,	"
Atheneum,	Portland,	"
College Library,	Waterville,	"
Historical Society,	Brunswick,	"
State Library,	Concord,	New Hampshire.
Atheneum,	Portsmouth,	" "
Historical Society,	Concord,	" "
College Library,	Hanover,	" "
State Library,	Montpelier,	Vermont.
College Library,	Burlington,	"
College Library,	Middlebury,	"
Historical Society,	Montpelier,	"
State Library,	Boston,	Massachusetts.
Atheneum,	Boston,	"
College Library,	Cambridge,	"
Antiquarian Society,	Worcester,	"
Statistical Association,	Boston,	"
Middlesex Mechanics' Library,	Lowell,	"
College Library,	Amherst,	"
College Library,	Williamstown,	"
City Library,	New Bedford,	"
Historical Society,	Boston,	"
City Library,	Boston,	"
State Library,	Providence,	Rhode Island.
University Library,	Providence,	" "
Redwood Library,	Newport,	" "
State Library,	Hartford,	Connecticut.
College Library,	New Haven,	"
College Library,	Middletown,	"
Historical Society,	Hartford,	"
State Library,	Albany,	New York.
Historical Society,	New York,	" "
Astor Library,	New York,	" "
Mercantile Library,	New York,	" "
College Library,	Schenectady,	" "
Young Men's Association,	Buffalo,	" "
Atheneum,	Rochester,	" "
College Library,	Clinton,	" "
City Library,	Brooklyn,	" "
College Library,	Hamilton,	" "
College Library,	Geneva,	" "
New York Society Library,	New York,	" "
State Library,	Trenton,	New Jersey.
College Library,	Princeton,	" "
College Library,	New Brunswick,	" "
Library Association,	Newark,	" "
State Library,	Harrisburgh,	Pennsylvania.
Philosophical Society,	Philadelphia,	"
Historical Society,	Philadelphia,	"

Loganian Library,.....	Philadelphia,.....	Pennsylvania.
College Library,.....	Carlisle,.....	"
College Library,.....	Canonsburgh,.....	"
Mercantile Library,.....	Pittsburgh,.....	"
Alleghany College Library,....	Meadville,.....	"
Easton Library,.....	Easton,.....	"
State Library,.....	Dover,.....	Delaware.
College Library,.....	Newark,.....	"
State Library,.....	Annapolis,.....	Maryland.
Historical Society,.....	Baltimore,.....	"
College Library,.....	Emmetsburgh,.....	"
Baltimore Library,.....	Baltimore,.....	"
Congress Library,.....	Washington,.....	Dist. Columbia.
Smithsonian Institution,.....	Washington,.....	" "
College Library,.....	Georgetown,.....	" "
State Library,.....	Richmond,.....	Virginia.
Historical Society,.....	Richmond,.....	"
College Library,.....	Charlottesville,.....	"
College Library,.....	Williamsburgh,.....	"
Washington College,.....	Lexington,.....	"
College Library,.....	Boydton,.....	"
State Library,.....	Raleigh,.....	North Carolina.
College Library,.....	Chapel Hill,.....	" "
College Library,.....	Wake Forest,.....	" "
State Library,.....	Columbia,.....	South Carolina.
Charleston Library.....	Charleston,.....	" "
Medical College,.....	Charleston,.....	" "
Atheneum,.....	Columbia,.....	" "
State Library,.....	Milledgeville,.....	Georgia.
Historical Society,.....	Savannah,.....	"
Medical College,.....	Augusta,.....	"
College Library,.....	Athens,.....	"
State Library,.....	Tallahassee,.....	Florida.
Historical Society,.....	St. Augustine,.....	"
State Library,.....	Montgomery,.....	Alabama.
College Library,.....	Spring Hill,.....	"
University Library,.....	Tuscaloosa,.....	"
Franklin Society,.....	Mobile,.....	"
State Library,.....	Baton Rouge,.....	Louisiana.
Academy of Sciences,.....	New Orleans,.....	"
Centenary College,.....	Jackson,.....	"
State Library,.....	Austin,.....	Texas.
Baylor University Library,....	Independence,.....	"
State Library,.....	Jackson,.....	Mississippi.
University Library,.....	Oxford, Lafayette Co.,.....	"
Oakland College Library,.....	Oakland, Claiborne Co.,.....	"
State Library,.....	Nashville,.....	Tennessee.
University Library,.....	Knoxville,.....	"
College Library,.....	Marysville,.....	"
Medical College Library,.....	Memphis,.....	"
State Library,.....	Frankfort,.....	Kentucky.
Medical College Library,.....	Louisville,.....	"
College Library,.....	Lexington,.....	"

College Library,	Georgetown,	Kentucky.
College Library,	Bardstown,	"
Mechanics' Institute,	Louisville,	"
State Library,	Little Rock,	Arkansas.
State Library,	Jefferson City,	Missouri.
University Library,	St. Louis,	"
College Library,	St. Charles,	"
University Library,	Columbia,	"
Mercantile Library,	St. Louis,	"
State Library,	Iowa City,	Iowa.
Historical Society,	Burlington,	"
College Library,	Davenport,	"
State Library,	St. Paul,	Minnesota.
Historical Society,	St. Paul,	"
State Library,	Springfield,	Illinois.
Mechanics' Library,	Chicago,	"
College Library,	Jacksonville,	"
College Library,	Lebanon,	"
German Library,	Belleville, St. Clair Co.,	"
State Library,	Indianapolis,	Indiana.
University Library,	Bloomington,	"
University Library,	Greencastle,	"
Public Library,	Vincennes,	"
College Library,	Crawfordsville,	"
Young Men's Christian Assoc'n,	New Albany,	"
State Library,	Columbus,	Ohio.
Mercantile Library,	Cincinnati,	"
University Library,	Oxford,	"
College Library,	Yellow Springs,	"
Mechanics' Institute,	Cincinnati,	"
Atheneum,	Zanesville,	"
University Library,	Delaware,	"
Kenyon College Library,	Gambier,	"
University Library,	Athens,	"
College Library,	Marietta,	"
Western Reserve Medical Coll.	Cleveland,	"
State Library,	Madison,	Wisconsin.
Young Men's Association Lib.	Milwaukie,	"
College Library,	Beloit,	"
Historical Society,	Madison,	"
State Library,	Lansing,	Michigan.
Young Men's Association,	Detroit,	"
University Library,	Ann Arbor,	"
State Library,	Sacramento,	California.
Mercantile Library,	San Francisco,	"
Maryville Library,	Maryville,	"
Territorial Library,	Olympia,	Washington.
Pacific University,	The Grove,	Oregon.
Assembly Library,	Toronto,	Canada West.
Mercantile Library,	Montreal,	" "
Mercantile Library,	Hamilton,	" "
School of Medicine,	Toronto,	" "
Historical Society,	Quebec,	Canada East.

are soon to be opened for use ; and, we doubt not, that before many years every state will have its asylum for its insane ; and several of the states that have now one or more will add others, until all of their diseased in mind shall be provided with the proper means of protection and cure.

The reports of these many institutions will form an invaluable contribution to medical and psychological science, and by being distributed to these several libraries and places as herein proposed throughout the country, and open to the examination of all interested in this human suffering, those who are and shall be engaged in this work of healing the worst of mortal ills will let their lights be seen, and extend their influence far beyond their present sphere even to the remotest states of the Union, and, through periods of time, far beyond their present temporary notoriety.

Believing, then, that it is for the credit and honor of the superintendents and managers of these noble charities, that their reports and the histories of their doings should be everywhere read, and the results of their observations and experience be everywhere known, and that it is for the good of humanity that these records should be diffused as widely and placed within the reach of as many as possible. it is reasonable to expect, that all the officers of these institutions will concur in the vote of the Association, and send all their past and their future reports to the depositories which have been designated by the committee, for permanent preservation and universal use.

For the Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane.

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